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PCT/JP01/08535

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
 Int.Cl⁷ H01L 29/80, H01L 29/778, H01L 29/812
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
 INSPEC (DIALOG) (negative differential resistance) and InGaAs

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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Y	Applied Physics Letters, Vol.78, No.1 (01 January, 2001), pp.76-78 Full text	1-3
Y	Denshi Joho Tsushin Gakkai Gijutsu Kenkyu Hokoku, CPM2000-108-116, Vol.100, No.372, 20 October, 2000 (20.10.2000), pp.19-24, Page 20, left column, line 1 to right column, line 18; page 21, Figs. 1,2; page 23, left column, line 1 to left column, last line	1-3
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